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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-entitled patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add claims 28-41 as follows:

- 28. (New) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the tubular members comprise 1
- 2 wellbore casings.
- 29. (New) The assembly of claim 1, wherein the tubular members comprise 1
- 2 pipes.

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